

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA DIVISION

United States of America,)	CRIMINAL NO. 3:08-604
)	
v.)	
)	OPINION and ORDER
Shaheed Chaplin,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

Defendant has filed a *pro se* motion for relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. ECF No. 244. Defendant also filed a *pro se* motion to stay § 2255 proceedings pending ruling on his § 2244 motion by the Fourth Circuit. ECF No. 245.

Defendant filed a prior motion for relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 on May 6, 2013. ECF No. 211. After full briefing of Defendant's motion, the court granted the Government's motion to dismiss and dismissed Defendant's motion with prejudice. ECF No. 219.

The current motion (ECF No. 244) is a successive § 2255 motion. Prior to filing a second or successive motion under § 2255, Defendant must obtain certification by a panel of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals allowing him to file a second or successive motion. As provided in 28 U.S.C. § 2244, "[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application." 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). *See also* Rule 9 of the Rules Governing 2255 Proceedings ("Before presenting a second or successive motion, the moving party must obtain an order from the appropriate court of appeals authorizing the district court to consider the motion . . .").

On July 25, 2016, the Fourth Circuit denied Defendant's § 2244 motion for authorization to file a second or successive § 2255 on the ground that Defendant failed to make the prima facie showing necessary to receive authorization, as he "was not sentenced as an armed career criminal or a career offender," or convicted under 28 U.S.C. § 924(c). No. 16-9906, ECF No. 7 (4th Cir. July 25, 2016).

The requirement of petitioning a court of appeals (in this instance, the Fourth Circuit) for permission to file a second or successive § 2255 motion is jurisdictional. Therefore, Defendant's failure to receive permission from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals prior to filing this § 2255 motion is fatal to any action in this court. This motion is **dismissed** as this court is without jurisdiction to consider it. Defendant's motion to stay these proceedings until such time as the Fourth Circuit decides his § 2244 motion (ECF No. 245) is **moot**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Cameron McGowan Currie
CAMERON MCGOWAN CURRIE
Senior United States District Judge

Columbia, South Carolina
August 22, 2016